

MEMORANDUM

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INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

SUBJECT: Uganda

Uganda Situation

Friday was characterized by African diplomatic efforts to keep Uganda and Tanzania from going to war. Uganda itself was relatively quiet and there were no reports of mistreatment of foreigners. US Government efforts were directed at getting our Peace Corps volunteers into Kampala and at preparing urgent contingency plans for your consideration.

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INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

1. Tanzania Behind Invasion

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The Tanzanian Army was not informed of this operation until the last moment and now feels that it has been left "holding the bag" in an area where the Ugandan army has more firepower. President Nyerere of Tanzania is reportedly hesitant to move troops from his capital to the Uganda border lest this provide an opportunity for his oppositionists.

State Dept. review completed

2. Mobutu Intercession

In an effort to preserve the peace between General Amin and President Nyerere, President Mobutu of Zaire is flying to Dar es Salaam and Kampala. Nyerere is reported very anxious for Mobutu's arrival in order to help restrain the Tanzanian Army which wants to strike at Uganda in response to this morning's air attack on a Tanzanian border village. Meanwhile, other African leaders, including Selassie and Kenyatta, are also urging peace.

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3. Qadhafi and Amin

While everyone counsels restraint, Colonel Qadhafi of Libya seems to be doing his best to send men and arms to Amin. Unable to fly over Sudan, there are unconfirmed reports that Qadhafi will try to send his aircraft via the Central African Republic and Chad. [Although we do not know what Qadhafi's troops intend to accomplish, 25X1 they may be used to provide security in Kampala, freeing the Ugandan Army for duty on the Tanzanian frontier.] 25X1

4. Safety of Americans

During Friday, there were no reported incidents against Americans or Europeans. Our Embassy in Kampala was particularly relieved that the Ugandan Government had agreed to assist our Peace Corpsmen to get to the capital so that they might attend a memorial service this Monday for the volunteer killed last Sunday near the scene of the fighting. Once the Peace Corps volunteers are safely concentrated in the capital, we will begin their partial evacuation from Uganda.

5. Contingency Paper

The NSC African Interdepartmental Group continues to work urgently on a contingency paper for your consideration. This will cover eventualities in Uganda and recommend courses of action for your decision.

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